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### " One New Fire Start on Sunday "

Hamilton, Montana, July 22, 2007 4:30pm pm — One new start discovered by air patrol mid day today, joins the other fire starts that have kept initial attack forces from the Bitterroot National Forest on the move during the past two weeks.

The new start, called the Vermiculite fire, is located north of Gird Point on the Darby Ranger District. It is less than 1/10 acre in size and two firefighters were dispatched early this

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afternoon. Their firefighting efforts are supported by a helicopter doing bucket work. In addition to the Vermiculite fire, there are two other fires that firefighters are continuing to suppress:

\* Rock Creek 34 is a 3 acre fire west of Lake Como, just inside the Wilderness boundary. Fifteen firefighters, supported by two helicopters, continue to work to contain this fire. It is burning in rugged, rocky terrain that makes suppression and control more difficult.

\* The High Martin fire is 1.5 acres in size, and is staffed by 14 firefighters with a helicopter providing bucket support.

For the most current information about new and existing starts on the Bitterroot National Forest, please visit our Dispatchers' website at <http://63.196.254.151/WildWeb/WCMT-BRC.htm>

The Northern Rockies Coordination Center provides information about fire activity in northern Idaho, Montana and North Dakota at their website:  
<http://gacc.nifc.gov/nrcc/information/information.htm>

Stage II fire restrictions go in to effect at midnight tonight.

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